

State of California

Respiratory Care Board





December 29, 2000

Inquiry: We have therapists that see patients in the home setting. I would like

written confirmation that it is within our scope of practice to give flu shots

to patients in the home.

Response: Please be advised that although this is not verbatim from the Respiratory

Care Practice Act (RCPA), in the RCB's judgement, is highly inferred and allowed. Please note that the RCB suggests that a respiratory care protocol, as defined in Business & Professions Code Section 3702, be

developed to establish guidelines for the performance of this procedure.

Reference # 2000-C-57